

SIXTEEN KILLED IN WRECK ON SOUTHERN RAILWAY

Speeding Passenger Train Derailed on A High Trestle

Four Rear Coaches Plunge to Bed of Stream Fifty Feet Below—Thirty-Five Injured, Some Seriously.

Reidsville, N. C., Dec. 15.—Sixteen people were killed and thirty-five injured, some seriously, near here early today when passenger train No. 11, on the Southern Railway, was derailed on a trestle spanning a creek. At the time of the accident the train was running at a high rate of speed.

The engine, mail and three baggage cars crossed the trestle, safely, when the two coaches and two Pullmans following left the rails and plunged off the trestle to the bed of the creek, a distance of fifty feet below.

The dead include:

EDWARD SEXTON, Denton, N.C.

FRANK KILBY, Portsmouth, Va.

A. P. CONE, superintendent of the Richmond division of the Southern Railway.

JOHN A. BROADNAX, Greensboro, N. C.

V. E. HOLCOMB, Mount Airy, N. C.

D. C. LOLLAN, a Pullman conductor.

C. H. WHITE, traveling auditor for the Southern Railway.

FLAGMAN, name unknown.

Eight other passengers as yet unidentified.

Ten bodies had been removed from the wreckage up to noon, but the other eight are supposed to be in the Richmond sleeper, which is demolished and under water.

Among those on the train, but who escaped injury, were George Gould, the New York millionaire and his son. They occupied one of the wrecked sleeping cars and were enroute to Thomasville, N. C. J. R. Russell, a prominent New York journalist, who was with Mr. Gould, was badly injured, suffering a dislocated shoulder and a sprained back.

Special trains from Greensboro, N. C., reached the scene a short time after the accident and the dead and injured were placed aboard and taken to Greensboro, the injured being taken to St. Luke's hospital and the dead to the morgue.

The wrecked train operated between Atlanta and Richmond, and was known as the Richmond limited.

WRECK IN IOWA

Omaha, Dec. 15.—A dozen passengers were injured, none seriously, when a Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul westbound passenger train was derailed two miles east of Bayard, Iowa, early this morning. The accident is supposed to have been caused by a broken wheel on the engine tender.

KING LEOPOLD SUFFERS A RELAPSE; NEAR DEATH

Brussels, Dec. 15.—The condition of King Leopold II, who was operated upon yesterday for the removal of an obstruction in his intestines, took a turn for the worse this afternoon. This evening there appeared to be no immediate danger of death, but the king has experienced a return of the old intestinal complication and it is feared this will militate against the success of the operation. The king has declined to see his daughter, Princess Stephanie.

COMPULSORY PUBLICITY BILL PASSES HOUSE

Washington, Dec. 15.—The Esch bill, requiring railroad companies to report all accidents to the Interstate Commerce commission, passed the house today.

TWO KILLED IN MINE EXPLOSION NEAR TRINIDAD

Trinidad, Colo., Dec. 15.—An explosion today in mine No. 25 of the Cedar Hill Coal & Coke company, twenty-five miles northeast of here instantly killed Robert Ramry, an American and James Pedesco, an Italian. Both victims left families. The explosion was the result of a "windy" shot. The mine was not seriously damaged.

GENERAL WOOD WILL BE NEXT CHIEF OF STAFF

Washington, Dec. 15.—Major General Leonard Wood, now in command of the department of the east, will be the next chief of staff of the U. S. army. Secretary of War Dickinson made this announcement today. General Wood will succeed General J. Franklin Bell, whose term expires next spring.

BANDITS LOOT OKLAHOMA BANK OF \$30,000; ESCAPE

Ardmore, Okla., Dec. 15.—After cutting all telegraph and telephone wires entering the town of Paoli, Okla., near here, four heavily armed bandits early today dynamited the vault in the State Bank of Paoli, secured \$30,000 in gold and currency, and escaped.

The robbery was well planned. One of the bandits held the horses, while his confederates entered the bank and shattered the vault doors with nitro-glycerine. Once open, it was but the work of a few minutes to rifle the vault of its contents.

The bandits then rushed into the street and with Winchester, stood off a score of citizens who, aroused by the explosion, had hastened to the scene, and, mounting their horses, dashed out of town into a heavily timbered section bordering a creek.

Poses were at once organized and are now hot on the trail of the robbers. A fight is momentarily expected, as the bandits had but an hour's start.

ARBUCKLE BROTHERS PAID BACK \$695,573 IN DUTIES

New York, Dec. 15.—Special Assistant Attorney General Stimson announced today during the sugar fraud trial that there had been a shortage of \$695,573 in duty payments on sugar received by Arbuckle Bros., sugar refiners. Mr. Stimson stated this sum had been repaid to the United States treasury by Arbuckle Bros.

Mr. Stimson said the investigation of the Arbuckle importations was begun last June and that the firm voluntarily turned over all its books. The shortage extended over a period from 1898 to 1907. When the shortage was reported to Arbuckle, they voluntarily paid the amount. Mr. Stimson said the settlement in no wise affected any criminal proceedings against those responsible.

SENATE WILL CONFIRM JUDGE MILLS' APPOINTMENT

Washington, Dec. 15.—Because of press of business, the senate will not reach the appointment of Chief Justice Mills to be governor of New Mexico, and Associate Justice W. H. Pope to be chief justice, until after the holiday. However, both appointments will be confirmed, there being no opposition to either.

The appointment of S. B. Grimshaw to be postmaster at Santa Fe, N. M. has been held up and there is danger of the senate refusing to ratify the president's selection, in which event another man will have to be named. There is considerable opposition to Grimshaw, which emanates from Santa Fe.

Among the New Mexico visitors now in Washington are Judge W. J. Mills, National Committeeman Solomon Luna, Jerry Leahy, of Raton, and L. C. Hild, of Las Vegas.

LOUISVILLE EDITOR MAY HEAD NATIONAL LEAGUE

New York, Dec. 15.—The threat of Ban Johnson, president of the American league, to refuse to sit on the national commission should John M. Ward, be elected president of the National league, which would practically mean a baseball war between the two major leagues, was again the absorbing topic today when the magnates of the National league gathered to consider the question of a new president. So tangled has the question become that it is predicted the selection of a president will not be made before tomorrow or next day. R. W. Brown, managing editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal, was discussed this morning as a compromise candidate.

PROMINENT SAN MIGUEL COUNTY RANCHMAN SLAIN

Serapio Menzon, a prominent ranchman residing near Gonzales, a remote settlement 45 miles northeast of this city in San Miguel county, was assassinated by unknown parties sometime Sunday night. His body, with a bullet hole in the head, was found Monday morning.

The foregoing in brief is the information received here last night by Sheriff Cleofes Romero, and confirmed this morning in a long distance telephone message to District Attorney Charles W. G. Ward, and gave the first news of the murder of Menzon.

Sheriff Romero, accompanied by Deputy Sheriff Pedro Padilla, left early this morning overland for Gonzales, expecting to make the cross-country trip to Gonzales by nightfall. They will make a thorough investigation of the killing and attempt to run down the murderers.

Additional information received by District Attorney Ward later in the day was to the effect that at an inquest conducted by the justice of the peace at Gonzales, the coroner's jury returned a verdict that Menzon met death some time Sunday night at the hands of persons unknown.

Two Suspects Arrested.

A telephone message from Watrous to District Attorney Ward this afternoon announced that Camino Sanchez, justice of the peace at Tip-top, had caused the arrest of two brothers named Torres, for the murder of Menzon. It is said that tracks which led from the place where the body was found were traced to the Torres home. The suspected men had skipped out and were followed to Watrous, where their arrest took place this morning. In the custody of peace officers of Mora county the men were brought to this city this afternoon and placed in the county jail pending a preliminary hearing.

TAFT'S TRIP AWAKENS BOWERY

HIS SMILE AN UPLIGHT AND
CHEERY WORDS TORCH OF
HOPE

RENEW LEASE ON LIFE

DOWN AND OUT FELLOWS EAGER
FOR CANCE TO SHOW
MERITS

MISSION WORKER TALKS

SAYS PRESIDENT'S VISIT IS
BOUND TO HAVE GOOD
EFFECT

New York, Dec. 15.—It was a great day for the Bowery when President Taft visited that famous thoroughfare.

"The president's visit did more real good than a year's work by the mission people," said one of the officers of the Bowery mission today. "His smile was an uplift and his words a torch of hope to many hearts. There is not a soul on the Bowery today that will admit he wasn't at the president's side. Men down on their luck say that the cheery words of the president infused them with new life and a number of apparently hopeless derelicts have found themselves awakened and eager for a chance to show their merits. When a man like the president comes down here and talks straight from the shoulder, it is bound to have a good effect."

HEAVILY LADEN TROOPSHIP FINALLY SAILS FOR PANAMA

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 15.—Laden with rapid fire field guns, half a million rounds of ammunition and two months' supply of clothing and provisions, and carrying two battalions of marines, the auxiliary cruiser Prairie, this afternoon weighed anchor and sailed for Colon, Panama. The Prairie was stranded a week ago, while preparing to start for Panama. It is believed the warship's ultimate destination is Nicaragua.

BURGLARS ATE CANDY WHILE DRILLING SAFE

Globe, Ariz., Dec. 15.—Real lady-like burglars broke into Brooker's general store last night. While engaged in drilling the safe they ate chocolate candy and drank a quantity of grape juice. They secured a dozen revolvers and a small amount of cash, but were apparently frightened away before opening a box containing a large sum of money, which they found in the safe.

TRAFFIC IN WOMEN IS DOOMED

CONGRESS TO LEGISLATE
AGAINST "WHITE SLAVE"
TRADE

NOW PREPARING BILL

SENATOR DILLINGHAM BEHIND
DRASTIC MEASURE TO CURB
EVIL

BAN ON IMMIGRATION

FEDERAL LAW WILL PROHIBIT
THE IMPORTATION OF
ALIENS.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Comprehensive legislation designed to wipe out the "White Slave" traffic, is contemplated in a measure which is being carefully prepared by the department of commerce and labor and which will be submitted to congress together with the annual report of Commissioner Keefe, of the Immigration bureau. Senator Dillingham, chairman of the United States Immigration commission, whose investigation and report called attention to the revolting conditions existing from operations of the traffic in women, has been in conference with officials of the department and it is expected the bill will embody very largely the recommendations of that commission.

PROMINENT ARIZONIAN CONFIDENT OF STATEHOOD

F. M. Murphy, president of the Santa Fe, Prescott & Phoenix Railway, passed through the city this afternoon in his private car No. 14, enroute from Prescott, Ariz., to New York City. Mr. Murphy was accompanied by his wife and Miss Ethel Dutrow, who is traveling as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Murphy.

President Murphy in an interview with a representative of The Optic stated that he felt confident that both New Mexico and Arizona would be admitted to statehood at the present session of congress. He also stated that he was gratified with the selection of Chief Justice W. J. Mills to be governor of New Mexico, that he knew Judge Mills personally and thought President Taft should be congratulated on his selection.

Mr. Murphy spoke most encouragingly on the outlook in Arizona for a prosperous year and said he felt sure that the general depression throughout the western country is gradually giving way to better times.

While in the East Mr. Murphy will visit Washington, and exert what influence he can to secure the passage of the statehood bill.

CARELESS BARBER SHOP PORTER UPSETS STOVE

A stove in the barber shop of W. T. Reed on Bridge street, was accidentally turned over this morning. The stove contained a big fire, but fortunately everything was put back in good condition before the place caught fire. The fire was due to carelessness on the part of the janitor, who was moving the stove.

GOVERNOR C. N. HASKELL IS SUDDENLY STRICKEN

Guthrie, Okla., Dec. 15.—Governor Charles N. Haskell, who was suddenly stricken with acute indigestion last night, and whose life was despaired of for several hours, was some better this morning, but his condition is still regarded as serious.

Attending physicians say that the source of Governor Haskell's trouble is gallstones and that an operation may be necessary. The governor suffered intense pain during the night and it was necessary to administer opiates to quiet him.

Telegrams from all over the state poured into the executive mansion today, inquiring as to his condition.

ZELAYA IS READY TO RESIGN

SAYS HE WILL QUIT IF HE CAN
NAME HIS SUCCESSOR
AS PRESIDENT.

THIS IS UNSATISFACTORY

SENOR MADRIZ WOULD BE MORE
BITTERLY OPPOSED BY
REBELS.

WILD SCENES CONTINUE

FREE-FOR-ALL FIGHT IN MANA-
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ELEMENTS.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Yesterday's dispatches describing the anti-Zelayan demonstration in Managua, were confirmed at the state department today. The official dispatches say some of the demonstrators were arrested, also that President Zelaya has published a statement promising to resign the presidency of Nicaragua in favor of Senor Madriz, who is Zelaya's candidate, but is not the choice of the people.

American Consul Caldera, at Managua, says large crowds last night surrounded the American consulate, cheering the government and the people of the United States.

Madriz's selection would not be at all satisfactory to the United States, and his installation would complicate the whole situation. It is almost certain that the Estrada forces would continue their activities with even greater vigor against Madriz.

Rioting in Managua.

Corinto, Nicaragua, Dec. 15.—There were scenes of wild disorder in Managua again last night. During a meeting of the aldermen, one of them made a speech denouncing Madriz and favoring a revolution. A free-for-all fight followed among the government and anti-government elements. About twenty persons were arrested.

HOODLUMS SMASH LIGHTS AT BRIDGE APPROACH.

Yesterday morning about 2 o'clock, three men, more or less under the influence of liquor, took the lanterns placed on the bridge spanning the Gallinas river at Bridge street, broke them to pieces and threw them into the river. After this had been accomplished they turned their attention to the arch light near by and threw stones at it until the light fell to the street, leaving the place almost in total darkness.

Nigh Watchman Young who was near the bridge at the time, did not take any action as he was unarmed and feared that he might be overpowered by the three hoodlums, as there was no one else about at that hour.

The breaking of the lanterns left the approach to the bridge in a dangerous condition, but was of small consequence compared with the arc lamp, which, while lying on the ground was not disconnected and had a team passed during the time that the light lay in the street, instant death from electrocution might have resulted.